



Dear ASD School Board Members,

We, the Academic Policy Committee of Rilke Schule German Immersion School, are writing to reaffirm our desire to be placed into a permanent home within the Anchorage School District.

Thank you for your continued support of our program. Our recent move to the Abbott Loop building has given us the ability to have devoted spaces for special services, student nutrition, a dedicated gym and a library. For the first time in our school's history, we were able to offer a hot lunch program – already serving up to 200 students daily. We look forward to continuing growth and to improving our student services with a permanent home.

As you are aware, during the March 18, 2025 ASD School Board meeting, the ASD School Board approved Memorandum #128 and Rilke Schule was offered the Abbott Loop building. At the same time, ASD Memorandum #106 was approved, stating that Rilke Schule “*will be given priority for occupying buildings that become available through future approved consolidation proposals.*” Additionally, Memorandum #128 notes that the Abbott Loop facility currently has a five-year occupancy waiver granted by the Anchorage Fire Marshal, which expires at the end of the 2028–2029 school year, and that the building will require improvements—at minimum, a fire suppression system. While we are thankful for the Abbott location and the opportunities it has given our students, it is clear that this is not a long-term solution.

We realize the upcoming Rightsizing Initiative and related decisions are complex and weighty, and we are grateful for the thoughtful considerations you are giving to all ASD schools. As part of this initiative, we ask the ASD School Board to please continue supporting Rilke Schule in finding a permanent, appropriate home for our program so that our 500+ ASD students may thrive for years to come. Thank you for your time and your commitment to the success of every ASD student.

Respectfully,

Rilke Schule Academic Policy Committee